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Trent Nelson Photo

Dress for Native Americans symbolizes a personal relationship with the Creator.

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little runway three miles from the launch pad. Landing occurred 21 minutes after the engine failed.

Executing the maneuvers in the simulator were astronauts Loren Shriver, James Wetherbee and Franklin Chang-Diaz. Observing were commander Rick Hauck and the four members of his crew who will fly the Discovery mission in August.

The simulated liftoff was 55 minutes late because of intentional electrical, communications and other problems built into the count to give controllers experience in resolving them. A high fuel pressure reading 31 seconds before liftoff would have scrubbed a real launch effort, but was bypassed so the test could continue.

The exercise involved 300 launch-day team members from five NASA field centers, contractor personnel and rescue, weather, safety and communications officials. NASA spokeswoman Lisa Malone said the purpose was to "validate to the fullest extent possible the complete launch process system."

There have been hundreds of changes, most aimed at safety, in procedures, personnel, flight and ground hardware, software and management since the Challenger accident. Today's simulation was the only opportunity to check them out with the entire launch-day team before the actual countdown.

Under the new management structure, astronaut Bob Crippen, veteran of four shuttle flights, has the final decision on whether a shuttle will be launched. His main adviser is launch director Bob Sieck, but either can call on scores of experts in many disciplines.

The shuttle fleet has been grounded since the Challenger disaster, with the major roadblock to flight being the redesign of the solid fuel booster rocket blamed for the explosion.

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previous month and 11.83 reports in January. The April figures for mishandled bags were also the best since the consumer statistics began being compiled last September.

The number of passengers bumped from flights because of overbooking also declined. There were 3.71 passenger for every 10,000 boardings involuntarily bumped during April, compared with 5.46 passengers during the first three months of the year, the department said.

Continental Airlines and Eastern Airlines, both owned by Texas Air Corp., had the highest complaint rate in May with 11.43 complaints for every 100,000 passengers who flew on Continental and 10.34 complaints from every 100,000 people on Eastern.

While the number of com-

plaints involving Continental was more than any other airline it represented a sharp improvement over a year ago when the department received more than 21 complaints per 100,000 travelers on Continental. Northwest Airlines, which until recently had consistently been among the airlines with high complaint rates, also showed continued improvement with only 3.22 complaints for every 100,000 passengers flown in May.

Southwest Airlines, Aloha Airlines and Air Wisconsin had the best complaint record with

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